

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

This application is a divisional application of parent application 09/518,130, filed on March 3, 2000. The specification and abstract have been amended to include the same changes made in the parent application. No new matter has been added.

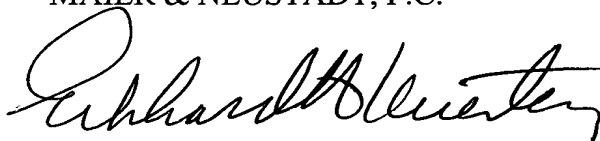
Claims 11-12 and 16-23 are presently active in this case, Claims 11 and 12 having been amended, Claims 19-23 added, and Claims 1-10 and 13-15 canceled by the present preliminary amendment. The present changes to Claims 11 and 12 are believed clarifying in nature and are believed to be evident from the disclosure as originally filed. New Claim 16 is directed to subject matter stated at page 32, line 25 to page 33, line 21 and page 37, line 19-22 of the specification. New Claim 17 finds support in original Claim 9. New Claim 18 finds support in Claim 6 when considered in conjunction with the disclosure at page 15, lines 7-8 of the specification. New Claims 19-23 are device claims corresponding to amended Claims 11-12 and 16-18. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Accordingly, the present application is in condition for examination on the merits, and
an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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